

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): Headphones comprising:

at least one headphone ear piece having a housing, the housing having at least one sound outlet aperture, a reproduction system, an outer housing portion and ear cushions which enclose an ear of a wearer or which are lying on the ear of a wearer;

a front volume and a rear volume which are separated by the reproduction system, the front volume being the volume enclosed between the reproduction system, the ear cushions and the head of the wearer,

the rear volume being the volume enclosed between the reproduction system and the outer housing portion of the housing of the headphone,

wherein the front and rear volumes being connected by an acoustic resistor being situated inside a channel inside the housing of the headphones earpiece adjacent to the reproduction system, wherein the acoustic resistor is arranged inside the housing with respect to the front volume behind the plane of the sound outlet aperture of the housing and the with respect to the front volume behind the plane of the reproduction system,

wherein the channel connects the front and the rear volume and an exit of the channel is arranged in a volume between the reproduction system and the plane of the sound outlet aperture of the housing

~~said ear piece also having a reproduction system and ear cushions, the latter enclosing the ear or laying on it, a front volume and a rear volume being determined by the reproduction system, the front volume being essentially the volume between the reproduction system and the volume enclosed by the ear cushions and the head and the rear volume being essentially the volume enclosed by the reproduction system and the housing of the headphone ear piece; and~~

~~an acoustic resistor connecting the housing of the headphone ear piece and the front and the rear volumes;~~

~~said acoustic resistor being situated inside the housing of the headphone ear piece with respect to the front volume behind a plane which is determined by a sound outlet aperture of the housing.~~

Claim 2 (Cancelled):

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): Headphones according to Claim 1, wherein the ~~front and the rear volumes are connected to each other by a damped channel~~, the cross section of said channel ~~of which~~ does not depend on external influences.